

Turkey Run Nature Center Activities

Thursday, July 31
Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT
9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Come to the nature center to put out seed, suet & nectar, & then watch the animals eat and interact through the windows of the observation room.
2pm Planetarium Star Show – Discover the joy of stargazing during a 40-minute tour of tonight’s skies. Constellations, legends, planets and more! *Reservations recommended.* Nature Center.

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Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT
9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.
11am Lusk Home Tour – Gather in the Lusk Home basement for a guided 1-hour tour of an 1841 brick mansion. Hear the legends and enjoy a peek into the private lives of the Salmon Lusk family. Warning: lots of standing and stairs. Cellar doors open at 10:45am.
2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.* Nature Center.
5-7pm Naturalist In The Campground – Watch for the naturalist to see what cool thing she has in her bucket.

Saturday, August 2
Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT
9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.
11am Lusk Home Tour – See previous listing.
2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.* Nature Center.
**9:30pm Night Hike!* – Meet at the nature center for a 1-hour program and easy hike into the night, and discover the animals active during the night shift.

Sunday, August 3
Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT
9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.
**10:30-11:30am Giant Bubble Makers* – Stop at the top of the Suspension Bridge’s 70-Steps to make and try out your own giant bubble blower!
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Monday, August 4
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2pm Planetarium Star Show - See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.* Nature Center.

Tuesday, August 5
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11am Lusk Home Tour – See previous listing.
2pm Planetarium Star Show - See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.* Nature Center.

Thursday, August 7
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9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.
**10:30am Minnow Safari* – Meet at the Nature Center for a 1-hr. fishin’ trip. Using nets & buckets, discover first-hand how fish survive in a watery world. Wear shoes to get wet!
2pm Planetarium Star Show - See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.* Nature Center.

Friday, August 8
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9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.
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2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.* Nature Center.
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Smokey Bear’s 64th Birthday!
Saturday, August 9
Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT
Help Smokey celebrate his 64th birthday.
This summer wildfires are burning up millions of acres of wilderness. Learn about “good” fires and “bad” fires and discover what you can do to help Smokey prevent wildfires as we celebrate his 64th year as a Forest Service mascot.
9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.
10am Fire! – See breathtaking video footage of wildfire, & see how fire can be useful, too. Nature center. At the end of the video...
10:45am Meet Smokey Bear - Smokey will make several appearances throughout the day. Don’t miss this chance to meet & hug a very important bear. Nature Center.
11am Meet Hopalong Cassidy - Stop by the nature center to hear the story of Smokey Bear as told by Hopalong re-enactor Joe Sullivan. Bring your cameras and have your picture taken with this famous cowboy! To learn more about Hopalong, ask your great-grandparents or visit Joe’s website at <http://www.hopalong.com/events.asp>.
12pm & 3pm Smokey’s Birthday Cake – Enjoy some cake and lemonade and help us wish Smokey a very happy birthday. Nature Center.
2pm Planetarium Star Show - See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.* Nature Center.
**9pm Batty Hike* – Gather at the nature center to go batty with a naturalist. Fun and informative, don’t miss this 1-hour easy hike into the night.

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Sunday, August 10
Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Come to the nature center to put out seed, suet & nectar, & then watch the animals eat and interact through the windows of the observation room.

11am Spiders! – Come to the nature center to see some live 8-legged creatures and hear all about how they shop for groceries. 40 minutes. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – Discover the joy of stargazing during a 40-minute tour of tonight’s skies. Constellations, legends, planets and more! *Reservations recommended.* Nature Center.

Monday, August 11
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Tuesday, August 12
Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.* Nature Center.

Wednesday, August 13
Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

11am Lusk Home Tour – See previous listing.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.* Nature Center.

Thursday, August 14
Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

10:30-11:30am Stop At The Top – Stop by the Suspension Bridge’s 70-steps to enjoy a look at nature with a naturalist.

2pm Planetarium Star Show - See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.* Nature Center.

Friday, August 15
Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing

10:30am Weaving With Soda Straws – Gather at the nature center to make something beautiful and functional using an ancient technique. Fun for the whole family. 30 min.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.* Nature Center.

5-7pm Naturalist In The Campground – Watch for the naturalist to see what cool thing she has in her bucket.

***8:45pm Owl Prowl** – Come to the nature center to meet our local owls and learn to talk like them, and then go for a night hike to try & call some in. 1-hour prog. & easy hike.

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Saturday, August 16
Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

10:30-11:30am Feel A Fur – Have you ever wanted to touch a wild animal? Come to the nature center to feel the pelts of fox, coyote, beaver and much more!

2pm Planetarium Star Show - See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.* Nature Center.

Sunday, August 17
Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

***11am What We Are About** – Meet in front of the nature center to explore the fascinating past of Turkey Run. Great for all ages - don’t miss this 1-hour easy walk.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended on weekends.* Nature Center.

Monday, August 18
Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. -4:30 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing

11am Lusk Home Tour – See previous listing.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.* Nature Center.

Tuesday & Wednesday, August 19-20
Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

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Thursday, August 21
Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

10:30-11:30am Touch A Snake! – Stop by the nature center to feel the scales and the amazing muscles of some of our native snakes.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.* Nature Center.

7pm Volunteers In Parks - Gather in the Dogwood Room at the INN to attend the monthly meeting of the Friends of Turkey Run and Shades State Parks. Each meeting starts with an interesting program. Then stick around to see what our hard working volunteers are up to these days. If you’d like to volunteer at Shades and Turkey Run, this is a good way to get started & a great way to make some new like-minded friends!

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9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Come to the nature center to put out seed, suet & nectar, & then watch the animals eat and interact through the windows of the observation room.

11am Sundials – Meet in front of the nature center to make sundials. If cloudy, you can still pick up directions and learn how to use them to tell time. 30 minutes.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – Discover the joy of stargazing during a 40-minute tour of tonight’s skies. Constellations, legends, planets and more! *Reservations recommended.* Nature Center.

8pm Reptile Rap – Doors open at 7:45pm for this evening of snakes and turtles. Touch them, see them and hear all about their strange and wonderful ways during this 45-minute program at the nature center.

Sunday, August 24
Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

***11am Fossil Hike** – Meet in front of the nature center to take a good look at the rocks of Turkey Run. Hike includes fossil hunting! Don’t miss this 1-hr. moderate walk & search.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended on weekends.* Nature Center

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For more interpretive programs, visit
<http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/12066.htm>

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Saturday, August 30
Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT

Archaeology Day

9:30am Help Feed The “Dinosaurs” – Birds are a living link to dinosaurs. Help us place seed & suet, & then sit back & watch the action as they eat & interact w/other animals

10am-4pm outside the nature center...

>>Arrowhead ID - Bring your stone artifact collections to the nature center. DNR archaeologists will be on hand to identify your points, arrowheads, stone tools and to tell you where and when they were made.

>>*Atlatl – Try throwing spears using an atlatl, an ancient device used by stone-age man that is still in use today.

>>*Life In The Stone Age – Try your hand at fire starting, rope making, petroglyph painting and more, and then use a brush and other tools to “dig” up artifacts.

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9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

***10:30am Bubbles!** – Meet in front of the nature center to create giant bubbles with everyday things. 45 min.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended on weekends.* Nature Center.

Monday, September 1
Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing

10:30am Meet A Snake – Nature Center. 45-min. prog.

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